

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 7 of page 1.

At page 1, above line 7, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Processes for Preparing Conjugated Linoleic
Acid From Conjugated Linoleic Acid Esters

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the Invention", and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates, in general, to fatty acids and, more particularly, to new processes for the production of conjugated linoleic acid by enzymatic hydrolysis of conjugated linoleic acid esters.--

At page 2, at line 19 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 12, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--